

## **HSAP Participation Guidelines**

To be eligible to take the HSAP tests, students must be enrolled in a South Carolina public school or adult education program or must be in a home school program approved by the local school board.

The following students must take the HSAP tests:

### **Fall**

Students beyond the second year after their initial enrollment in the ninth grade take the test(s) needed to meet the requirement for a South Carolina high school diploma.

### **Spring**

Students in the second year after their initial enrollment in the ninth grade take both tests.

Students beyond the second year after their initial enrollment in the ninth grade take the test(s) needed to meet the requirement for a South Carolina high school diploma.

### **Summer**

Following a remediation program in summer school, a summer administration of the HSAP may be offered to students who have not passed the exit examination and who are planning to graduate before the beginning of the next school year. All accommodations and modifications for students with disabilities and students with limited English proficiency available during the spring administration are available for the summer administration.

### **Exceptions Applicable to all Administrations**

1. For students with disabilities who have an individualized education program (IEP) and who have taken both parts of the HSAP at least once and who meet all of the conditions listed below, the IEP team will determine on an annual basis the student's participation in the HSAP.
  - a) The student failed to pass any part of HSAP during the initial administration.
  - b) The student has not earned any Carnegie units in the core curriculum (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies).
  - c) The student is not enrolled in a course in the core curriculum required for high school graduation.

Students who miss the initial administration of any part of the HSAP must be scheduled to take that part in the next administration.

2. Students who meet the Participation Guidelines for Alternate Assessment will not take the HSAP tests, but will take the alternate assessment as appropriate to their age.